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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a two-count indictment¹ charging WALTER ANDINO a/k/a “Jamar Hicks,” with making false statements to a federal firearms dealer, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and armed career criminal. The indictment alleges that on or about December 1, 2002, ANDINO made false statement in the purchase of a Highpoint C9, 9mm pistol from a from a federally licensed firearms dealer and was then in possession of that handgun. ANDINO is a convicted felon who is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney’s Office, all District Attorney’s Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department and other law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Defendant ANDINO faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, with a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years, a fine of \$500,000, 5 years supervised release, and a \$200 special assessment

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
WALTER ANDINO	Philadelphia	30

The case has been assigned to Special Assistant United States Attorney Arlene D. Fisk.

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